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State of Connecticut
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
Office of Adjudications
79 Elm Street, 3rd Floor
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Petitions for Public Hearing on NPDES Permit Application # CT0030651

Exide/Inco Cleanup of Mill River in Fairfield, CT

To: DEEP Office of Adjudications:

I am writing as counsel for Fairfielders Protecting Land and Neighborhoods (FairPLAN) which helped coordinate the enclosed petitions. Enclosed herewith are petitions requesting a public hearing on the above-referenced matter, signed by 114 people, well over the 25 signatures required. While the petition was prepared and coordinated by FairPLAN, people signed as individuals who are concerned over the proper and comprehensive cleanup of Mill River, the largest river in Town and a significant State natural resource.

I would like to bring to your attention a problem with the sequencing of the Respondent's permitting actions, which I believe are counter to the procedure and sequence set forth in the October 2008 Consent Order. In the Consent Order the respondent was to file for various permits after the SED/RAP was approved by DEEP, rather than simultaneously. Since the SED/RAP is still being actively worked on and final conditions are as yet unknown, it is inappropriate for any other permitting activity to go forward. To do so would deprive the public and the Town of Fairfield of adequate due process and full and timely participation in the permitting process as outlined in the Consent Order that was duly recorded in the Fairfield Land Records in 2008 and has been relied upon since then. However, these other permits have moved forward despite the fact that the SED/RAP has yet to be approved: the public comment period for the SED/RAP expires on 2/28/13 while the NPDES expires on 2/20/13 and unfortunately the OLISP was allowed to go under a General rather than an Individual Permit which effectively eliminated all public participation.

Very truly yours,

Kathryn L. Braun

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Cc (letter and spreadsheet only): DEEP Commissioner Esty; Fairfield First Selectman Michael Tetreau, Fairfield Conservation Commission, Fairfield Shellfish Commission, Fairfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, Fairfield Harbor Management Commission

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Mill River Cleanup- Fairfield

Due Date: Feb. 20, 2013

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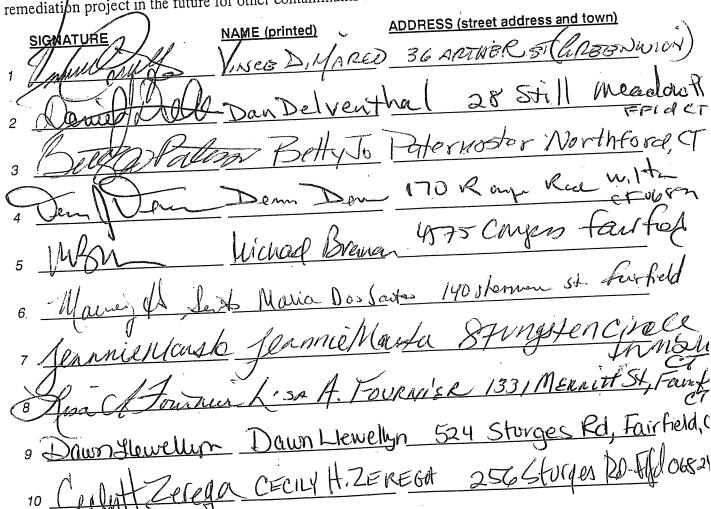
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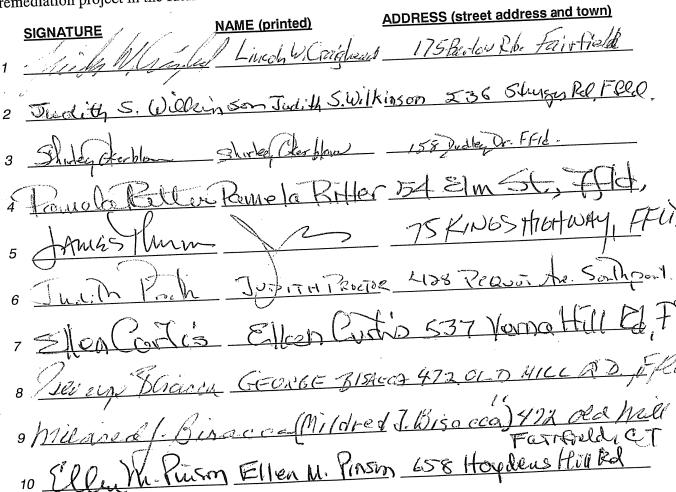
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